

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/809,643

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

TAKIZAWA ET AL.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/25/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of the:  
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2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
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(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

***Reason for Allowance***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The reference to US Patent 6,428,201 to Shibuya et al. shows a chronograph timepiece having a mainspring provided in a movement barrel complete is made a power source, comprising: a base unit containing a main plate constituting a base plate of a movement, a front train wheel rotating on the basis a rotation a movement barrel complete and an escapement/speed control device for controlling a rotation of the front train wheel, and having at least one of a self-winding device or a hand winding device, and a chronograph unit containing a second display mechanism, a second chronograph train wheel, a minute chronograph train wheel and an hour chronograph train wheel, wherein the chronograph unit is disposed in a side where a dial exists than the base unit, the base unit contains a transmission wheel which is rotated on the basis of a rotation of the movement barrel complete, wherein the second chronograph train wheel is rotatable with respect to the main plate and the chronograph bridge, the minute chronograph train wheel is rotatable with respect to the main plate and the chronograph bridge and the hour chronograph train wheel is rotatable with respect to the main plate and the third wheel & pinion bridge. Applicant's claimed invention discloses a base unit containing the base unit contains a 1<sup>st</sup> transmission wheel and a 2<sup>nd</sup> transmission wheel, which are rotated on the basis of a rotation of the movement barrel complete, wherein the second chronograph train wheel is comprised so as to be rotated on the basis of rotation of the 1<sup>st</sup> transmission wheel, the minute chronograph train wheel and hour chronograph train wheel are comprised so as to be rotated on the basis of a rotation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> transmission wheel. Furthermore, the timepiece of Shibuya does not have the base unit/1<sup>st</sup> transmission/2<sup>nd</sup> transmission assembly and there seems to be no motivation to modify the device

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shown in Shibuya to accommodate the base unit/1<sup>st</sup> transmission/2<sup>nd</sup> transmission assembly for operating the chronograph unit, respectively.

Claims 2-4 have been found to be allowable as being dependent upon the allowable claim

1.

### *Conclusion*

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in the PTO-892 disclose related devices. US Patent 6,406,176 to Takahashi, US Patent 6,926,438 to Garardin, US Patent 7,029,169 to Takahashi et al. and US Patent 5,793,708 to Schmidt et al. disclose a chronograph timepiece.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

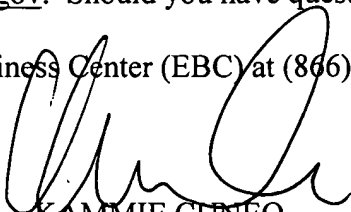
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeanne-Marguerite Goodwin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2104.

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